

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

731
1. (currently amended) A method of opening and closing a container,
said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;

a lid movably attached to said body portion;

(a panel³¹⁶) formed in said at least one wall of said body portion;

wherein said panel is attached to said lid;

(moving said lid to an open position) in which product can be dispensed
from said container, by applying an opening force thereto, wherein said
opening force causes said panel to separate from said at least one wall,
thereby forming a hole in said at least one wall;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;

releasably retaining said lid in said closed position by engaging at least
a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall; and

wherein said container further comprises (a sheet of material¹⁴²) covering
said hole while said container is in said open position;

wherein, said panel includes a stationary portion³⁵⁴ and a hinge portion³⁵²
separated from said stationary portion by a score line;

wherein, said stationary portion is attached to said lid; and

wherein, said engaging at least a portion of said panel with at least a
portion of said wall comprises engaging said hinge portion with said at least a
portion of said wall.

✓

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said sheet of material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

5. (canceled)

6. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein:
said at least one wall of said body portion includes a hinge portion;
wherein said engaging at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall comprises engaging said at least a portion of said panel with said hinge portion.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said engaging at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall comprises engaging said at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall within said opening.

8. (currently amended) A container comprising:
a body portion having at least one wall;
a lid movably attached to said body portion;
wherein said container includes a first condition before said container has initially been opened, a second open condition in which product can be dispensed from said container and a third re-closed condition;
wherein, in said first condition, a panel is attached to both said at least one wall of said body portion and said lid;
wherein in said second condition, said panel remains attached to said lid but has been removed from said at least one wall member, thus leaving a hole in said at least one wall;
wherein, in said third condition, at least a portion of said panel is releasably engaged with at least a portion of said wall; and
a sheet of material covering said hole while said container is in said

second open condition;

wherein, said panel includes a stationary portion and a hinge portion separated from said stationary portion by a score line;

wherein, said stationary portion is attached to said lid; and

wherein said at least a portion of said panel comprises said hinge portion.

~~9.~~ (original) The container of claim 8 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

~~10.~~ (canceled)

731
~~11.~~ (previously presented) The container of claim 8 wherein said sheet of material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

12. (canceled)

~~13.~~ (withdrawn) The container of claim 8 wherein:
said at least one wall of said body portion includes a hinge portion; and
said at least a portion of said wall comprises said hinge portion.

14. (currently amended) A method of opening and closing a container, said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

a body portion having at least a first wall and a second wall, said first wall being transverse to said second wall;

a lid movably attached to said first wall;

a hinge portion formed in said second wall, said hinge portion being movably attached to said lid;

moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes said hinge portion to separate

from said second wall, thereby forming a hole in said second wall;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;
and

releasably retaining said lid in said closed position by engaging at least
a portion of said hinge portion with at least a portion of said second wall.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said hinge
portion is movably attached to a stationary portion via a score line and
wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

731
17. (currently amended) A container capable of moving between an
open condition and a closed condition, said container comprising:

a body portion having at least a first wall and a second wall, said first
wall being transverse to said second wall;

a lid movably attached to said first wall;

a hinge portion formed in said second wall, said hinge portion being
movably attached to said lid;

wherein in said open condition, said hinge portion remains movably
attached to said lid but has been removed from said second wall, thus leaving
a hole in said second wall;

wherein, in said closed condition, at least a portion of said hinge
portion is engaged with at least a portion of said second wall; and

wherein said hinge portion is movably attached to a stationary portion
via a score line and wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

18. (original) The container of claim 17 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

Claims 19 - 27 (canceled)

731
~~28.~~ (new) A container capable of moving between a closed condition and an open condition, said container comprising:

a first wall;

a second wall parallel to said first wall and spaced a first distance from said first wall;

a third wall transverse to said first and second walls, said third wall extending between said first and second walls such that said third wall has a width equal to said first distance;

a fourth wall transverse to both said first and second walls and to said third wall, said fourth wall extending between said first and second walls such that said fourth wall has a width equal to said first distance;

a lid movably attached to said third wall;

said lid having a width equal to said first distance;

a panel formed in said fourth wall, said panel being movably attached to said lid;

wherein in said open condition, said panel remains movably attached to said lid but has been removed from said fourth wall;

wherein, in said closed condition, at least a portion of said panel is engaged with at least a portion of said fourth wall.

~~29.~~ (new) The container of claim 28 wherein, in said open condition, a hole is formed in said fourth wall due to said panel having been removed from said fourth wall.

30. (new) The container of claim 28 wherein:

said panel comprises a movable portion movably connected to a stationary portion by a hinge line; and

wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

731
31. (new) A method comprising: *

providing a container comprising:

a first wall;

a second wall parallel to said first wall and spaced a first distance from said first wall;

a third wall transverse to said first and second walls, said third wall extending between said first and second walls such that said third wall has a width equal to said first distance;

a fourth wall transverse to both said first and second walls and to said third wall, said fourth wall extending between said first and second walls such that said fourth wall has a width equal to said first distance;

a lid movably attached to said third wall;

said lid having a width equal to said first distance;

a panel formed in said fourth wall, said panel being movably attached to said lid;

moving said lid to an open condition by applying an opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes said panel to separate from said fourth wall;

moving said lid to a closed condition by applying a closing force thereto, wherein said closing force causes at least a portion of said panel to engage with at least a portion of said fourth wall.

32. (new) The method of claim 31 wherein said moving said lid to said open condition causes a hole to be formed in said fourth wall due to said panel separating from said fourth wall.

33. (new) The method of claim 31 wherein:

S.N. 09/972,575
Art Unit 3727
Atty Dkt PP5.78(a)CVL

131
said panel comprises a movable portion movably connected to a
stationary portion by a hinge line; and
said stationary portion is attached to said lid.
